AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. to 9. (Cancelled)

10.   (Currently Amended) An image processing method which is executed by ~~applied in~~ a server computer capable of being connected, through a network, to an image forming unit, which has a calibration function to obtain correction data by forming and measuring a patch, and to plural ~~clients~~ client computers,[[,]] said method comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining the correction data by communicating with the image forming unit, through the network, wherein said correction data is automatically obtained from the image forming unit, which executes the calibration function in the image forming unit to obtain the correction data;

a receiving step of receiving a printing job from the client computer;

a correcting step of performing, using the correction data obtained from the image forming unit, a correction process on image data included in the printing job received from the client computer; and ~~usingthe obtained correction data; and~~

an outputting step of outputting the image data corrected in said correcting step to the image forming unit.

11. to 12. (Cancelled)

13.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium which ~~computer-readably~~ stores a program to achieve an image processing method which is

executed by ~~applied in~~ a server computer capable of being connected, through a network, to an image forming unit, which has a calibration function to obtain correction data by forming and measuring a patch, and to plural ~~clients~~ client computers, said method comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining the correction data by communicating with the image forming unit, through the network, wherein said correction data is automatically obtained from the image forming unit, which executes the calibration function in the image forming unit to obtain the correction data;

a receiving step of receiving a printing job from the client computer;

a correcting step of performing, using the correction data obtained from the image forming unit, a correction process on image data included in the printing job received from the client computer; and ~~, using the obtained correction data; and~~

an outputting step of outputting the image data corrected in said correcting step to the image forming unit.

14.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable program to achieve an image processing method which is executed by ~~applied in~~ a server computer capable of being connected, through a network, to an image forming unit, which has a calibration function to obtain correction data by forming and measuring a patch, ~~tend,~~ and to plural ~~clients~~ client computers, said program comprising:

an obtaining module that obtains the correction data by communicating with the image forming unit, wherein said correction data is automatically obtained from the image forming unit, which executes the calibration function in the image forming unit to

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obtain the correction data;

a receiving module that receives a printing job from the client <u>computer</u>;

a correcting module that performs<u>, using the correction data obtained from the image forming unit,</u> a correction process on image data included in the printing job <u>received from the client computer; and</u> ~~, using the obtained correction data; and~~

an outputting module that outputs the image data corrected by said correcting module to the image forming unit.

15.   (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 10, wherein~~, in~~ said obtaining step <u>is repeated within a predetermined time interval to obtain</u> [[,]] the correction data ~~is obtained~~ from the image forming unit<u>.</u> ~~with respect to each predetermined time.~~

16.   (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 10, wherein the image forming unit automatically executes the calibration function according to a condition of state parameters of the image forming unit.

17.   (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 10, further comprising the step of judging whether or not the correction data should be updated, by comparing additional information of the latest correction data obtained by communicating with the image forming unit with additional information of the correction data already stored.

18.   (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to Claim 13, wherein [[in]] said obtaining step is repeated within a predetermined time interval to obtain [[,]] the correction data is obtained from the image forming unit. with respect to each predetermined time.

19.   (Previously Presented) A storage medium according to Claim 13, wherein the image forming unit automatically executes the calibration function according to a condition of state parameters of the image forming unit.

20.   (Previously Presented) A storage medium according to Claim 13, further comprising the step of judging whether or not the correction data should be updated, by comparing additional information of the latest correction data obtained by communicating with the image forming unit with additional information of the correction data already stored.

21.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable program according to Claim 14, wherein, in said obtaining step is repeated within a pre-determined time interval to obtain [[,]] the correction data is obtained from the image forming unit. with respect to each predetermined time.

22.   (Previously Presented) A computer-readable program according to Claim 14, wherein the image forming unit automatically executes the calibration function according to a condition of state parameters of the image forming unit.

23. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable program according to Claim 14, wherein said program further comprises the step of judging whether or not the correction data should be updated, by comparing additional information of the latest correction data obtained by communicating with the image forming unit with additional information of the correction data already stored.